

2015 Winter Haven Chamber Member Survey

Q22 What do you believe is Winter Haven's greatest challenge at this moment in time?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 73

#	Responses	Date
1	lack of higher paying jobs	7/12/2015 6:32 PM
2	Need hotels in the downtown are coupled with inexpensive transport to Legoland, personally I think the chain of lakes should be used, but the canals need a lot of work.	7/12/2015 5:02 PM
3	City Commission candidates. The current administration in Winter Haven has proven they have the vision of the community and it can all come to a halt with the wrong elected officials. Our company supports the chamber and city government because we see the difference in the community.	7/11/2015 3:03 PM
4	Allowing negative citizens to continue their rants on whatever it is they are ranting about that particular week and not moving forward progressive agendas. Also lack of school age educational choices.	7/11/2015 3:02 PM
5	UPDATING OLDER BUSINESS APPEARANCE	7/11/2015 12:13 PM
6	Qualified employee	7/11/2015 11:10 AM
7	Road space, traffic lights , local speciality doctors out of town and not local	7/10/2015 11:27 PM
8	industry, employment	7/10/2015 11:00 PM
9	To bring in better companies specially retail. We need more businesses that will make Legoland families want to come into Winter Haven after their day is over at Legoland	7/10/2015 7:54 PM
10	Full understanding of how economic development depends in current invest for the future in work force	7/10/2015 7:16 PM
11	Small minded self interested people at the commission meetings hold up many valuable projects. It gets frustrating.	7/10/2015 5:28 PM
12	Keeping our youth engaged in positive activities and provide entertainment other than the movies. Keeping crime controlled. It's everywhere! .	7/10/2015 3:52 PM
13	Growth	7/10/2015 3:46 PM
14	It is confused with Winter Park and when I correct a person their entire attitude changes.	7/10/2015 3:31 PM
15	To expand the image and expose Winter Haven, as a CITY, even more, beyond Polk County.	7/10/2015 3:29 PM
16	Also education	7/10/2015 3:15 PM
17	Getting our community to come out and support the new business.	7/10/2015 2:47 PM
18	People who want to run for office to stop progress and get rid of the current administration and city staff.	7/10/2015 2:42 PM
19	needs more restaurants and nicer retail	7/10/2015 2:29 PM
20	water and area that are not in city limits, but should be	7/10/2015 2:21 PM
21	to attract new business to the area which attract more people to move here.	7/10/2015 2:21 PM
22	Increased demands on infrastructure resulting from growth...	7/10/2015 2:19 PM
23	completing downtown construction and making real estate affordable	7/10/2015 2:09 PM
24	Same	7/10/2015 1:50 PM
25	transportation and sufficient lodging options for visitors	7/10/2015 1:49 PM
26	Infrastructure	7/10/2015 1:47 PM
27	Landings development; Need annexation of unincorporated areas to strengthen tax base, population stats, qualified voters/candidates for city elections; Active downtown after business hours; Central Polk Parkway	7/9/2015 7:43 PM

2015 Winter Haven Chamber Member Survey

28	increasing community trust in organizations, processes, and government.	6/29/2015 9:13 AM
29	Maintaining synergy & focus on growing WH the right way - building a sense of community & uniqueness to our area. Improving our area schools is a challenge; continue push & progress w/ PED.	6/22/2015 11:54 AM
30	"Old boys" thinking from some of the people of influence. Inability of city commissioners to listen objectively to issues.	6/22/2015 10:47 AM
31	The economy	6/19/2015 9:13 PM
32	Experienced leadership Transportation to SE WH area	6/19/2015 12:35 PM
33	keeping growth high quality and consistent	6/19/2015 9:45 AM
34	City commissioners not moving forward quickly enough	6/16/2015 4:28 PM
35	To balance the love of our history with a progressive plan for the future and growth needed to see the City flourish.	6/16/2015 11:21 AM
36	Roadways are not ready to support such growth	6/16/2015 9:51 AM
37	neighborhood blight, disconnectedness of	6/16/2015 9:02 AM
38	Downtown Development	6/15/2015 10:42 AM
39	Same as above along with moving forward with the landings project.	6/15/2015 9:18 AM
40	I believe Winter Haven's greatest challenge at this moment in time is possible the quantity of distress properties.	6/12/2015 10:53 PM
41	n/a	6/12/2015 12:11 PM
42	No large inside venue for special events	6/12/2015 11:50 AM
43	Growth	6/12/2015 10:32 AM
44	Keeping up with increased populations	6/12/2015 10:07 AM
45	Lack of public land and recreation facilities.	6/12/2015 10:00 AM
46	Quality job applicants	6/12/2015 9:20 AM
47	Overcoming the public's desire to maintain the status quo.	6/12/2015 8:57 AM
48	Infrastructure unable to support growth and the public school environment and quality of education for middle and high school.	6/12/2015 8:22 AM
49	Funding sources	6/12/2015 8:21 AM
50	Same as #21	6/12/2015 8:06 AM
51	The separation of computer, phone, text.	6/12/2015 7:27 AM
52	drawing businesses to the downtown area	6/11/2015 11:05 PM
53	Economic development	6/11/2015 8:57 PM
54	New Business Growth	6/11/2015 6:07 PM
55	The economy and return to sustainability for individual business owners.	6/11/2015 5:10 PM
56	creating a cohesive vision	6/11/2015 5:03 PM
57	Top heavy government in D.C.	6/11/2015 4:54 PM
58	Local elected officials need to have courage and show leadership in moving the city forward.	6/11/2015 4:54 PM
59	Crime	6/11/2015 4:51 PM
60	Opposition to local business growth and development	6/11/2015 4:48 PM
61	Land use, housing	6/11/2015 4:33 PM
62	Education and poverty - which are closely related.	6/11/2015 4:28 PM
63	Transportation	6/11/2015 4:26 PM

2015 Winter Haven Chamber Member Survey

64	Education/ Infrastructure	6/11/2015 4:20 PM
65	Economic Development	6/11/2015 4:18 PM
66	Keeping our lakes from being consumed by Illinois pond weed. Having venues for young families to utilize without having to go out of town	6/11/2015 4:16 PM
67	Creating more jobs that require college degrees. Minimum wage jobs will not stimulate the growth as much as higher paying jobs.	6/11/2015 4:15 PM
68	city govt	6/11/2015 4:14 PM
69	the old "winter haven" image and reputation	6/11/2015 4:13 PM
70	growth	6/11/2015 4:03 PM
71	Lack of hotels and a key plan for the City	6/11/2015 4:02 PM
72	No response	6/11/2015 4:01 PM
73	Dealing with the effects of growth	6/11/2015 4:00 PM
74	Making sure Cypress Gardens Blvd. Doesn't turn into 192 and providing accessibility to all residents by improving roadways.	6/11/2015 3:58 PM
75	Southwest side of Hwy 17	6/11/2015 3:58 PM
76	Poorly designed roads	6/11/2015 3:58 PM
77	Candidates who want to stop growth in go back to the early 90's	6/11/2015 3:57 PM
78	Building an educated workforce	6/11/2015 3:55 PM
79	Infrastructure as well as promoting our location, 5 miles west of U.S. Hwy. 27 and 20 miles south of Interstate 4	6/11/2015 3:54 PM
80	Keeping State Farm in our area and securing the jobs of those who are currently employed.	6/11/2015 3:53 PM
81	putting together programs for the youth	6/11/2015 3:51 PM
82	Lack of a large venue civic center	6/11/2015 3:50 PM
83	we are hard to get to-- there are no main arteries (interstates/parkways) that connect us to the rest of Florida	6/11/2015 3:47 PM